

REMARKS

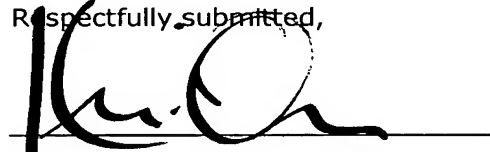
Claims 3 - 9 and 12 - 18 are pending in the present application. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended. Claims 1 - 2 and 10 - 11 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant notes with thanks and appreciation that Claim 4 - 9 and 13 - 18 have allowable subject matter. Claim 4 has been amended into independent form and now included all the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and the intervening claim (claim 2) from which it depended. As amended, claim 4 is allowable. Claim 3 have been amended to depend from claim 4. Claims 3, 5 - 9 and 12 - 18 depend directly or indirectly from claim 4 and thus are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated and, therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

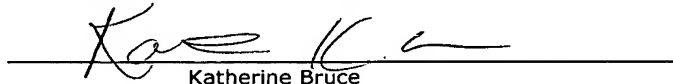


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